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Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar

Press Release

**IIT Bhubaneswar organizes plantation drive to mark  
World Environment Day**

**Bhubaneswar, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar, reiterating its commitment towards a clean and green environment, celebrated World Environment Day in line with the theme of the year, 'Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future'. To mark the occasion, the Institute conducted a plantation drive inside the campus and planted around 100 avenue, fruit-bearing and flowering plants.

Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar inaugurated the plantation drive. Among others, Prof. Vijay Shankar Pasupureddi, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy); Prof. Sarat Kumar Panda, Chairperson-Infrastructure; Dr. Narsa Reddy Tummuru, Co-Chairperson-Infrastructure; Shri Bamadev Acharya, Registrar; Dr. Sivaiah Bathula, NSS Coordinator; Shri K. Rabin Kumar Dora, Superintending Engineer; Smt. Shruti Karmalkar, President, Residential Clubs of the Institute; faculty members, staff, students, NSS volunteers and residents of the campus participated in this drive and planted saplings. Shri Kamireddy Visweswara Reddy, Horticulturist of the Institute, coordinated the programme.

It may be mentioned that the IIT Bhubaneswar campus, spanning about 936 acres, is home to more than 50,000 evergreen and deciduous flowers and fruit-bearing trees. The Institute has also taken several initiatives towards keeping the campus clean and green. The Institute has also prohibited use of single-use plastic inside the premises of the campus, as a commitment towards the environment. IIT Bhubaneswar is highly committed to protecting the natural environment while developing infrastructure to turn this place into a hub of education and intellect. The Institute has successfully implemented the 'Cycling Culture' among the students, inculcating in them a consciousness of both health and fitness, as well as nurturing the surrounding nature.

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